



ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

5 The use of compounds that block complement component
C5 or its active fragments C5a and/or C5b (such compounds
collectively referred to as "C5 blockers") to treat
established joint inflammation (arthritis) is disclosed.
Administration of such C5 blockers has been found to: 1)
arrest and/or reduce inflammation in joints which are
already inflamed, and 2) inhibit the spread of
10 inflammation to unaffected joints.

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